This two story hall/parlor frame house is one of a few similar structures located around Old Fort Defiance. The house does contribute to the late 19th Century feeling that prevades this area south of Elkton. The Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas locates Joseph Clay at this spot in 1877.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Clay House c. 1865 is very similar to the Clay-Martin House action Oldfield Point Road. This house is located on a small rise that overlooks the Elk River and the site of Fort Defiance. (Ce -184) The main facade faces east with the main glble running north/south.

The main block of the Joseph Clay House is a two story three bay by one room frame with a two bay by one room frame L addition to the west. A later flat roof porch was attached to the south wall of the ell and extends beyond the gable end of the front section. A single story shed porch stretches across the main facade.

Appearance and basic details remain the same as the Clay-Martin House excepting the fact that this house has not been covered with aluminum siding, and has retained its general mid to late 19th century appearance.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Photographs were not permitted at the time since the owners did not live in the house. The house is one of three that were built in close proximity to each other and possibly supplied houses for nearby Fort Defiance. (Now Gare)

The house type is very typical of the period and does not offer any unusual architectural details. The house does contribute to the late 19th Century feeling that prevades this area south of Elkton. The house is located on the 1877 Atlas under the name of Joseph Clay.

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